

Remarks

Preliminary Amendment

The specification and drawings have been proofread, and are amended herein to correct obvious errors of a typographical or editorial nature. Claims 11 - 14 are amended for improved clarity of presentation and to correct obvious errors and informalities. None of the amendments herein is believed to narrow the scope of any claim recitation. Claims 1 - 10 and 15 - 18 are cancelled, and claims 19 - 23 are newly added herein. No new matter is introduced by any of the amendments, and entry thereof is requested. Claims 11 - 14 and 19 - 23 are in the application.

Applicants' invention is directed to magnetic disk drive systems including a ramp, which is employed to assist loading and unloading a slider. Apertures open on first and second surfaces of the body of the ramp and extend through the body of the ramp. The ramp provides a flow of air generated by the spinning disk into the apertures through the openings on the second surface and out from the apertures through the openings on the first surface. The emerging flow of air at the first surface helps lift and cushion a tab attached to a load beam from which the slider is suspended.

Drawings

The drawings have been reviewed, and are amended variously, as follows.

Fig. 8A is amended herein to insert lead lines and reference numerals -- 46 --, -- 73 -- and -- 75 --, to bring the figure into conformity with the specification; Fig. 8B is amended herein to insert lead lines -- 73 -- and -- 75 --; Fig. 10D is amended herein to insert lead line and reference numeral -- 44 --; and Fig. 11 is amended herein to insert lead lines -- 40 --, -- 44 --, -- 46 -- and -- 50 --. These amendments are all made to bring the drawings into conformity with the specification (*see*, page 17, paragraph beginning at the 11th line; page 18, first paragraph; page 19, paragraph beginning at the 5th line; page 19, paragraph beginning at the 19th line and running onto page 20).

Enclosed as Attachments hereto are a copy of the pertinent corrected drawings sheets (3 sheets), with markings showing the changes in red; and a complete set of drawings Replacement Sheets (10 sheets).

Specification

The specification has been reviewed, and obvious errors of a typographical or editorial nature are corrected, as follows.

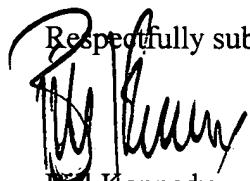
On page 4, a punctuation error and a misspelling are corrected.
On page 13, an unnecessary instance of the word "of" is omitted.
On page 14, an omitted space is inserted.
On pages 15 and 16 instances of single and double close quotation marks (' and ") are replaced with single and double primes (' "').

The claims herein are directed to magnetic disk drive, employing a slider ramp according to the invention. The claims all recite a rotating disk providing air flow through a plurality of apertures in the ramp body. The air flow provides a lifting force to the tab moving over the ramp body surface. See, *e.g.*, Applicants' specification at pages 7 - 8, 10 and 11.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all the claims in the application are in condition for allowance, and action to that effect is requested.

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Divisional of copending U.S. Application No. 10/178,582, filed June 24, 2002. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If the Examiner determines that a fee is required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account 50-0869 (Order No. RDRT 1017-6).

If the Examiner determines that a conference would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative, undersigned, at the telephone number set out below.


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